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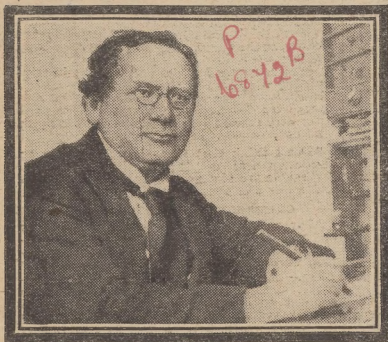
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TROTSKY'S MAN HER REAL ROMANCE: DORIS KEANE WEDS



Maxim Litvinoff at his desk yesterday.



Mrs. Litvinoff and her son Mischa.

Citizen Litvinoff, who lives at Hampstead, has been appointed Russian People's Ambassador in London by Trotsky. His wife is an Englishwoman.



Miss Doris Keane in "Romance."—(Photograph by E. O. Hoppé.)

Miss Doris Keane, whose portrayal of Margherita Cavallini in "Romance" is one of the greatest theatrical triumphs of modern times, was quietly married yesterday to Mr. Basil Sydney, who created such an impression in "Ghosts." The secret was well kept up till the last moment and only a few spectators were present, but they immediately recognised the bride.



Mr. Basil Sydney, the talented actor.



Miss Doris Keane in private life.

THE NEW "COMB OUT": SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES MEETS LABOUR AT MAN-POWER CONFERENCE.



On the way to the conference.



Sir Auckland arrives.



Mr. J. H. Thomas (smoking pipe).

Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister for National Service, met the Labour leaders at the Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday in a conference on the Man-Power Bill. All the trade unions affected were represented, about 150 delegates being present. They included Mr. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen.

MISS DORIS KEANE'S REAL ROMANCE.

Married to Actor Also
Appearing in Play.

ALLURING STAGE HEROINE

Playgoers will be interested to learn that Miss Doris Keane has played a leading part in a new romance, for the heroine of "Romance" was married yesterday to Mr. Basil Sydney.

Only a few intimate friends knew of the marriage, which took place very quietly.

Miss Doris Keane's wonderful impersonation of Cavallini in "Romance" has drawn all London. She has played the part eight times a week for over three years, and the magnetism of her acting is still packing the Lyric Theatre.

This romance within a "Romance" is made still further romantic by the fact that Mr. Basil Sydney is also appearing in the play. He is the clever actor who made such a striking impression in "Ghosts."

CAPTIVATED LONDON.

Miss Doris Keane has been described as the most praised actress on the stage. She was born in Michigan and first appeared as an amateur as Mrs. Dane in "Mrs. Dane's Defence." So great was her success that she was engaged for the professional stage in a small part in "White-washing Julia" in New York.

Within a year she was playing the lead in "The Other Girl." In 1910 she captivated the Londoners by a daintily unusual performance at the Globe as the enchantress in "Decorating Clementina." "Almost fendsidly alluring" was the description of one of her enraptured admirers.

British and originality are the most conspicuous qualities of her acting.

FROM PRISON TO TRAIN.

How Lenin's "Ambassador" Went
Back to Russia.

M. Tchitcherine, the Russian revolutionary who was recently reported to have been appointed Ambassador in London by the Bolshevik Government, left St. Pancras last night on his way to Russia.

There were many friends there to see him off, including Mrs. Bridges Adams, and just before the train started the "Internationale" was sung in Russian and cheers raised for the Russian revolution.

Leaving Brixton Prison, where he had been interned, shortly after six o'clock, M. Tchitcherine, accompanied by police officers acting under Superintendent Quin of Scotland Yard, proceeded straight to St. Pancras. He was there

MOONSHINE FIGURES.

The times of moonrise and moonset are as follow:—

	Rises.	Sets.
To-day	12.0 m.m.	10.55 a.m.
Saturday	12.12 a.m.	10.51 a.m.

The moon enters its last quarter on the morning of January 5, when it will be well on its way south of the Equator.

joined by M. Petroff, released from Holloway Prison, and Mme. Petroff, released from Aylesbury, who are to be fellow-travellers with him to Russia.

M. Tchitcherine, who seemed to be in good health but somewhat excited, was asked for information regarding his plans for the future, but he refused to make any statement. He is a nephew of the great Russian jurist. He became an exile, fled to Paris and then came to England and became secretary of the Russian Socialist group in London.

£2 WEDDING PRESENT.

Lord Knutsford Criticises Proposal
in Health Insurance Bill.

When the National Health Insurance Bill was under discussion in the Lords yesterday Viscount Knutsford complained that it was impossible for anybody, even with a careful study, properly to understand the provisions of this Bill.

It was Gladstonian and Henry James combined, said Lord Knutsford, in the length of its sentences, and if the public were to know what were their benefits under the Bill a very much simpler form of it would need to be published.

He complained that the maternity benefit had not been extended, although there were funds in hand which could have been used for this purpose.

The money was to be used in giving a wedding present of £2 to every woman provided she notified her marriage within one month.

This proposal was an outrage on common sense and could not be defended at a time when child life was so vitally important to the nation. The Bill was read a second time.

A five hours' fall of snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning, in the Sheffield district yesterday, snowed up the mountain ranges in drifts 2ft. deep in isolated places.

POPULAR 'PETER PAN'

Mr. Crooks Tells How Children
Are Shouldering Burden of War.

"CHAPERON" OF SIXTEEN.

The Right Hon. Will Crooks is a Peter Pan to the children of Poplar. They all know him and Mrs. Crooks. He firmly believes that children are doing an immense amount of work that greatly helps to lighten the burden of war.

"Here in Poplar there are thousands of useful 'little fathers' and 'little mothers.' Their motto seems to be: 'Daddy is at the front and mother must be helped' and 'chaperoned,'" he said to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"The other day a boy of eight said: 'Mother, I am going to wait in the queue to-day instead of you.' He did so, and was served first. 'Little mothers in Poplar' look after their sisters and brothers and help their neighbours as well. Boys take little sisters to school, and there is often a grandmother who must be taken across a tram-road. Another duty is escorting mother to a raid shelter."

"Children in this war have been a great solace to their parents. A peer exclaimed to me not long ago, 'I have a daughter of sixteen who has a chaperon, but your daughter of sixteen chaperons a whole family.'"

'SO MISERABLY HELPLESS.'

Officer Who Shot Himself Writes
Pathetic Letter to Wife.

"The War Office has decided I am unfit, so I cannot bear to think of being a burden on the nation at the present crisis; so please forgive me."

This was an unaddressed letter found on Captain H. H. Thompson, late of the Warwickshire Regiment, who was found shot in the head in the 4.10 p.m. train from Waterloo to Woking on Wednesday evening.

In another letter addressed to his wife Captain Thompson said:—

"My Own Wife,—Please forgive me, but the War Office has made me feel so miserably helpless a drag that I wish to relieve you of such an incubus."

"Please all forgive me and excuse. I trust the War Office will be more generous to you than to me. All love to you.—Yours, Bert."

Captain Thompson, who was in the Army before the war, had served in Africa, Gallipoli, Egypt and France. Early last year he suffered from a progressive form of paralysis, first contracted in 1913 on the West Coast of Africa.

A specialist said it was the dread of what the complaint might lead to which probably brought about the fatal determination.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst suffering from temporary insanity.

CREWE HOUSE LENT.

British Mission to U.S. To Have
Mansion for Headquarters.

The Marquis of Crewe has intimated that he is willing to hand over Crewe House, Curzon-street, Mayfair, to the Government for national purposes.

The offer has been accepted by the Government, and the Office of Works are busy fitting up the mansion as the headquarters of Lord Northcliffe and his British Mission to the United States.

KILLED PEER'S AIR TRIP.

Lord Ashbourne Describes His
Flight Over Dublin.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DUBLIN, Thursday.—"I suffered more from flights of imagination before the flight than during the actual flight itself," said Lord Ashbourne to *The Daily Mirror* to-day, after flying over Dublin dressed in Celtic costume and dropping pamphlets of the Countess of Drogheda's Aeroplanes Exhibition.

Lord Ashbourne was piloted by Captain Ingfield, R.F.C., and reached a height of 3,500ft.

"DER TAG" THAT WASN'T!

German Prisoners Ask for New
Year Holiday, But Don't Get It.

German prisoners doing agricultural work on Hertfordshire farms asked for a holiday on Tuesday, stating that they were accustomed to have a holiday on New Year's Day in Germany. The commandants refused to accede to the request.

SUGAR CARDS IN DUPLICATE.

At West Hartlepool numerous cases have been found of people in possession of household sugar cards who also hold ration papers obtained through the Post Office.

This, it is stated, is due to there being no means of checking at the London clearing house.

MAN-POWER PLANS.

Sir A. Geddes Explains Cabinet's
Proposals to Labour Delegates.

"PERIOD OF GREAT STRAIN."

The first meeting was held at the Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday afternoon between representatives of the Government and representatives of the trade unions who were parties to the arrangements made in connection with recruiting under the Schedule of Protected Occupations.

Sir Auckland Geddes made a full statement on the man-power position as the Government proposals. The War Cabinet, he said, had considered in great detail the man-power resources of this country and her Allies and also of the Central Powers. The position in the last six months had been completely altered by the Russian situation.

Ultimately the balance would be more than redressed by the American armies, and the field with which those armies could be put in speed with which those armies could be put in speed was almost entirely a question of tonnage.

During the intervening period a great strain would be thrown on the resources of this country.

To secure victory three things were necessary:—to increase the output of shipping, to save tonnage and to maintain our armies in the field.

The time had now come, as foretold by Mr. Arthur Henderson, when the changing circumstances of the war necessitated a departure from existing arrangements.

After the closest scrutiny of the whole position, the Government were convinced that it would be impossible to maintain the armies in the field unless a large number of men were recruited from munitions, not merely for technical units, but also for service in the fighting units.

The meeting was adjourned until 11 a.m. to-day.

EXTRA HOUR FOR VICTORY

Premier's Appeal for "Big Push"
by the Farm Hands.

Mr. Lloyd George last night made the following appeal to agricultural labourers in the United Kingdom:—

"I ask all workers on the land to do their very utmost to help to grow more food."

"There is a shortage of food all over the world and we may have to feed our Army and Navy, as well as ourselves, on what we can grow at home."

"Will you not help them to win by working an extra hour each day?"

'ANOTHER MAN'S MURDER.'

De Stamir's Reply to the Charge
of Killing Captain Tighe.

"My defence is that the murder was committed by the other man."

This was the reply of Arthur Harry Victor de Stamir, twenty-six, corporal, at Wimbledon yesterday, to the charge of murdering Captain Tighe at Winkfield Lodge, Wimbledon Park, on November 13.

Mr. Percival Clarke, for the prosecution, read the statement which De Stamir had made to a police sergeant, and confirmed at the inquest—namely, that he and another person entered Captain Tighe's bedroom, that the hall clock striking awoke deceased, who moved his hand along the pillow.

"I was understood that he had a revolver there," said De Stamir.

"My partner did not wait, but struck Captain Tighe several blows on the head with a polo mallet. De Stamir did not give evidence, and was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

SHOP MYSTERY.

Verdict of Wilful Murder Against
Persons Unknown.

The coroner's inquest into the death of Lewis Henry Salmon, wardrobe dealer, Bishop's-road, Paddington, whose body was gagged and hanged in his shop on November 30, was concluded yesterday, when a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown was returned.

Corporal Harold Wilfred Fulcher, A.S.C., stationed at Newmarket, said that at 4.15 p.m. on the day in question he was walking by Paddington Station when he noticed a man in khaki, apparently an officer, enter Salmon's shop.

As he walked on, Fulcher said, he heard a shuffling sound coming from the shop, but no cry. He could not see inside.

Detective-Sergeant McHattie said that it seemed that deceased was having a cup of tea when he was assaulted.

The coroner remarked that experiments with tea, which was allowed to go down in temperature from boiling point to the heat of the tea found in Salmon's cup, suggested that the murder occurred at 6 p.m.

LORDS AND BRITISH MUSEUM.

Lord Sudley has given notice that on Wednesday next he will call attention in the Lords to the proposed appropriation of the British Museum for the purposes of the Air Ministry, and that he will move a resolution on the subject.

RHONDDA RATIONS COMING SOON.

Plan To Be Submitted to
the Cabinet.

MORE TEA AND FATS.

Compulsory rations will soon be in operation.

That is the gist of Lord Rhondda's announcement made at Silvertown yesterday when he opened a communal kitchen.

His words on this matter were as follow:—

"There is a good deal of talk lately in the newspapers urging me to adopt compulsory rationing. Compulsory rationing, I am afraid, has got to come. I say 'I am afraid,' because I would rather that it did not."

"Don't think that when compulsory rationing has come the queues are going to be done away with."

"We are engaged at the present time in completing a scheme for compulsory rationing. It will have to be submitted to the Cabinet, and when the Cabinet has sanctioned it we shall put that scheme into operation as quickly as we can."

"Don't think that there is going to be an absolutely fair distribution," he continued. "What we are aiming at is equality of sacrifice and a fair and equal share for every person."

GERMANY'S FOOD GRUMBLERS.

After referring to food queues in Germany and stating that the German people were protesting that the rich, under the rationing system, were getting more than their share of food. "The Government," before the end of February, will have taken over the whole of the supplies coming into this country. They will make purchases in Ceylon and India and fix the price, which, I hope, will be still further reduced."

Margarine.—He hoped there would be as big a supply of butter and margarine in the country in another six months as there was before the war.

Meat.—There is going to be a great shortage in the supply of meat during the next couple of weeks and after that, I hope, the position will improve considerably.

There is a large supply of cattle in the country, which will have gradually to come forward. I am not going to threaten the farmer. I do not want to commandeer cattle, but machinery will be ready for the purpose of getting cattle if they do not come into the market when required."

Communal Kitchens.—All classes should avail themselves of communal kitchens."

Mr. Will Thorne, in moving a vote of thanks, said that he did not think the working classes were altogether playing a straight game. He had heard complaints of people getting more than they were entitled to, and of women who bragged of having secured 2lb. of this and 2lb. of that. They ought to realise that someone else was having to go short."

MEATLESS TUESDAY.

The question of meat shortage was discussed yesterday at a meeting at the offices of the Ministry of Food.

It was officially intimated that an order for one meatless day a week had been drawn up and was only awaiting signature. The day is to be Tuesday for the metropolis and Wednesday for the provinces.

A meat ration scheme, which has the provisional approval of the Food Controller, will come into force to-day at Gravesend.

Each adult will be entitled to a half 2lb. of meat per week, each child from the age of three to thirteen years, 1lb. per week.

Smithfield gave ample evidence of the serious shortage of meat supplies yesterday.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Tanks.—The Bradford tank yesterday had taken over £2,000,000. At Newcastle the takings were £891,760.

Mrs. Wheelodon Released.—Mrs. Wheelodon was released from prison yesterday. She is in very bad health.

Sir John Collie's Post.—Sir John Collie, C.M.G., has been appointed Director of Medical Services for the Ministry of Pensions.

Must Carry Scales.—The Mayor of Tynemouth, Mr. Hy. Gregg, a baker, was at Wallsend yesterday ordered to pay costs on a charge of failing to carry scales while delivering bread.

Missing Salonika Mails.—Through enemy action letters for the Salonika forces which reached the Army Post Office between midnight on November 30 and December 2 are missing.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS.

RUFCY.—Newport (4) 0, Welsh Guards, 5 pts; Public Schools games at Richmond—West 24, North 6; London 26, The Rest 26.

ASSOCIATED.—Celtic (4) 0, Scottish League 0.

Yong's benefit match.

NATIONAL HUNT RACING.

National Hunt meetings will take place at Gatwick on February 6 and 7 and Lingfield on February 13 and 14, says yesterday's "Racing Calendar."

The Welsh Guards beat Newport at Newport yesterday by four points to nil.

BOLSHEVIKS REJECT GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS

Trotsky's Scathing Denunciation—Kaiser Holds a Hurried Council.

KUHLMANN BACK AGAIN IN RUSSIA.

More Attempted Trench Raids on the British Front—Artillery Fire on the Aisne.

Russo-Hun Peace Drama.—Trotsky, the Russian Commissary for Foreign Affairs, has "unveiled in scathing terms Germany's hypocritical peace proposals," and declares that Russia will not consent to such conditions. The *Izvestia* (Soviet newspaper) under the heading the "Mask Is Torn Off," calls the German conditions "unconscionable lies," and says they aimed at annexing Poland, Lithuania and Courland. The Kaiser held a Crown Council, after which Kuhlmann returned to Brest-Litovsk, and "negotiations are to be resumed."

Western Front.—There were more German raids on the British front on Wednesday night. Foe parties were repulsed and prisoners taken. There is lively gunfire in the Aisne region of the French front.

FOE'S ARTILLERY ACTIVE EAST OF EPEHY. LIVELY ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON THE AISNE FRONT.

British Repulse Raiders and Take Prisoners Near La Bassee. French Report Complete Failure of German Attacks.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Thursday.

9.55 A.M.—Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south-west of La Bassee, leaving a few prisoners in our hands. The enemy's artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Epehy.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Thursday (western front).—Artillery duels have taken place near the coast. Prisoners were captured in a successful raid.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

CANADIANS FIGHT HUNS WITH PICK AND SHOVEL.

Stand of the Gallant Railwaymen in Cambrai Struggle.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.—"Against the furious counter-attacks which the Huns have made the last few days in the Cambrai sector, some Canadian railwaymen have played a minor but very heroic part," writes Mr. Roland Hill, who has been deputed to describe the work of the various Canadian units.

"In the scramble at Gouzeaucourt there were hand-to-hand combats with picks and shovels against rifles and machine guns. One of the railwaymen working on a level crossing casually looked up from his work to find four Germans with rifles bearing down on his party."

"He gave one yell his comrades dashed for the Huns, armed only with his pick, killed the first man after parrying a bayonet thrust, and was labouring the others when his friends came up and wiped out the party."

"Yet another party of railwaymen and their friends of a British battalion were completely surrounded and taken prisoners. Their escort of a score of Germans, under a very snappy little officer, hurried them up the Cambrai road towards the newly-captured British line. Just as they had given up hope parts of an Imperial battalion espied them."

"Their captors tried to drive them towards La Vacquerie, but Scotsmen and Canadians, although unarmed, grappled with their guards until rescued by the British party. Then they picked up what rifles they could and joined fortunes with the battalion that rescued them."

SIR G. BUCHANAN.

PETROGRAD, Thursday.—It is announced that Sir George Buchanan, owing to illness, and the members of the British War Mission are leaving Petrograd for London.

Sir George guaranteed to the representatives of the Soviet Deputies' Government the same privileges as those afforded to himself.—Exchange.

PREMIER'S 19.8 HOPE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—Mr. Lloyd George has sent the following telegram from Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier:—

"I have good hope that before the New Year is past the purpose to which we have set our hands will be completely achieved."—Reuter.

French Report Complete Failure of German Attacks.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—There were somewhat lively artillery actions, especially on the Aisne front, in the region of Landricourt, and of Les Cavaliers de Courcy, as well as in the sector of Maisons de Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse.

Two enemy coups-de-main, one south of the Oise and the other at the Cornillet, failed completely.—Central News.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—French attacks in Champagne, north of Prosnes and north of Le Mesnil, broke down under our fire.—Admiralty per Wireless.

HUNS' PACIFIST SCHOOLS TO OVERTHROW ITALY.

Success of Sinister Plan in Russia Leads to Its Extension.

Germany's efforts to overthrow Italy by establishing "pacifist and revolutionary schools" among Italian prisoners of war is strikingly shown by Mr. Henry Wood, special correspondent of the United Press of America. The success of this scheme by Germany regarding Russia led to the setting up of a similar school among the Italians in the summer of 1917.

Prisoners captured on the Italian front state that the parent school was established at Freytsch, in Moravia, early in 1915, and was designed especially for the overthrow of the Russian Government and the undermining of discipline in the Russian Army.

The prisoner "pupils" were given exceptional treatment, and when "qualified" were given civilian clothes and money and sent back to Russia to "sow the seed."

A "school" was also established at Grodno, in Salzburg, where 20,000 prisoners were taught by 200 professors, amongst whom were many of the Socialist leaders of the Central Powers. Three hours before the beginning of the Austrian offensive in Galicia four ex-"pupils" of one of these schools blew up the principal Russian munition depot in the vicinity of Tarnopol.—Exchange.

SPAIN'S PARLIAMENT.

MADRID, Thursday.—The King has issued a decree dissolving Parliament. The elections have been fixed for February 17 and the meeting of the new Parliament for March 11.—Reuter.

SIR CECIL SPRING-RICE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—It has been learnt here that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice tendered his resignation last spring during the visit of Mr. Balfour to the United States, his resignation, however, only to become effective at the convenience of the Foreign Office.

Pending the arrival of a successor, Mr. Barclay, Counsellor of the Embassy, will act as Chargé d'Affaires.—Reuter.

The Minister of Pensions has appointed Sir John Colite, C.M.G., to be Director of Medical Services for the Ministry of Pensions.



KAISER HOLDS HURRIED CROWN COUNCIL.

Hindenburg Called and Kuhlmann Sent Off to Russia Again.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—The news of yesterday's Crown Council at Berlin came as a great surprise to the people, as Marshal Hindenburg had been hurriedly called and came to it by special train on the Kaiser's personal telephone summons to headquarters.

It is confirmed that the Council discussed Brest-Litovsk as well as the possibilities of the Entente's reply to the offer to attend the negotiations.

Kuhlmann made a long speech to the Council recounting the protests made by the Socialist leaders against the terms offered to Russia. Immediately after the Council Kuhlmann left by special train for Russia.—Exchange.

According to the *Vossische Zeitung*, Ludendorff also was summoned to the Council. Simultaneously a meeting of the Majority parties was held.

Several German party leaders, at conferences which they had on Tuesday with Baron von Kuhlmann, expressed objections to his Brest-Litovsk policy, says an Amsterdam Central News message. The Independent Socialists expressed absolute disapproval.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* quotes a Berlin telegram, states Reuter, reporting that a long conversation has taken place between the Imperial Chancellor and Admiral von Tirpitz.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—A Vienna telegram states that Count Czernin returns this (Thursday) morning to Brest-Litovsk, where negotiations with the Russian plenipotentiaries will be resumed.—Reuter.

CREWE HOUSE LENT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Picturesque Mansion To Be Headquarters of British Mission to U.S.

The Marquis of Crewe has intimated that he is willing to hand over Crewe House, Curzon-street, Mayfair, to the Government for national purposes.

The offer has been accepted by the Government, and the Office of Works are busy fitting up the mansion as the headquarters of Lord Northcliffe and his British Mission to the United States.

The mansion is an old picturesque building, and will make admirable headquarters for any great Government purpose.

Lord Crewe, it is understood, has left London to reside for the time being at Epsom.

BRITISH RAID ACROSS THE PIAVE AT NIGHT.

General Plumer Reports Splendid Work of R.F.C. in Italy.

FROM GENERAL PLUMER.

January 2.—Our artillery have carried out several successful destructive shoots on enemy batteries since my last communiqué, and splendid work is being done by our R.F.C., who have destroyed several enemy aircraft and have successfully carried out several bombing raids and long-distance reconnaissances.

In the recent success gained by our French Allies in Monte Tomba sector our batteries assisted.

One of our batallions carried out a successful and difficult raid last night across the Piave, capturing some prisoners and inflicting considerable damage. Our losses were very slight. All the arrangements were excellently carried out. The enemy is continuing his bombing activity at night on undefended towns.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

During the night of January 1-2 enemy airmen dropped bombs on Castel Franco Veneto, obtaining direct hits on two hospitals; eighteen of the wounded were killed.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

TCHICHERIN RELEASED.

The *Daily Mirror* understands that George Tchicherin, who was nominated by Trotsky to be Russian Ambassador to Britain, was released last night.

TROTSKY "UNVEILS HUN HYPOCRISY."

Hands Of Polish and Lettish Nations.

REVOLUTION THREAT.

FROM THE BOLSHEVIK PETROGRAD TELEGRAPH AGENCY.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday (received yesterday).—The Central Committee of the Soviets held a meeting to-day.

After M. Kamanef, one of the delegates, had made a report on the Peace pourparlers, representatives from all fronts were summoned by telegram to Petrograd.

Without concealing the distressing situation on the fronts the representatives declare that the Front will defend the Russian Revolution, but that it demands bread and boots.

M. Trotsky, in the name of the Government, unveiled in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposal." He declared that the Government of Russian Workers would not consent to such conditions.

If, he said, the Central Powers did not loyally consent to the free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations, it would be urgently necessary courageously to defend the Russian Revolution. The needs of the Front would be satisfied.

TO CONSIDER DEMOBILISATION.

After M. Trotsky's speech a joint meeting was held of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviets, the Workers', Soldiers' and Peasants' Delegates, the Central Soviet and the Congress of the Whole Army appointed to consider the question of demobilisation.

The Assembly passed the following resolution:—

"This assembly confirms the fact that the programme proclaimed by the representatives of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk recognises in principle the conclusion of peace without annexations or indemnities. This recognition established a basis for further pourparlers with a view to a general and democratic peace."

"However, already in this declaration the representatives of the German Government refused to admit the free right of oppressed nations and colonies seized before the beginning of the war in 1914 to dispose of their own destiny."

"Already this restriction, which was immediately reported by the Russian Delegation, signified that the dominant parties in Germany, compelled by the pressure of the popular movement to grant concessions to the principles of democratic peace, nevertheless are trying to distort this idea in the sense of their old annexationist policy."

"The Austro-German Delegation, in setting out the practical conditions of peace in the East, alters still further the idea of a just democratic peace."

"This declaration is made in view of the fact that the German and Austrian Governments refuse to guarantee immediately and unconditionally the removal of their troops from the occupied countries of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and parts of Livonia and Estonia."

"In fact, a free affirmation of their will by the populations of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and all the other countries occupied by the troops of other States is impossible until the moment of the return of the native population to the places they have evacuated."

"The allegation of the German Delegation that the will of the peoples of the said countries has already been manifested is devoid of all foundation."

"Under martial law, and under the yoke of military censorship, the peoples of the occupied countries could not express their will. The documents on which the German Government at best could base their allegation only prove a manifestation of the will of a few isolated and privileged groups, but in no way the will of the masses in these territories."

"We now declare that the Russian revolution remains faithful to the policy of internationalism."

"We defend the right of Poland, Lithuania and Courland to dispose of their own destiny."

OLD POLICY OF INVASION.

"Never will we recognise the justice of imposing the will of a foreign nation on any other nations whatsoever."

"This joint session insists that the peace pourparlers shall be communicated later to the neutral States."

"We say to the peoples of Germany, Austria, Hungary, Rumania and Turkey, 'under your pressure, your Governments have been obliged to accept our motto of "No annexations and no indemnities," but recently they have been trying to carry out their old policy of invasions.'"

"Remember that the conclusion of an immediate democratic peace will depend actually and above all on you. All the peoples of Europe look to you, exhausted and bled by a war such as there has never been before. You will not permit the German and Austrian Imperialists to make war against revolutionary Russia for the subjugation of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Armenia."—Reuter.

WAR WORKER



A new portrait of Mrs. Harold Campbell, of Chesham-street, London, W., who has been devoting her time to war work in various forms.—(Yevonde.)

V.A.D. NURSES' CLEVER MAKE-UP



Three V.A.D. nurses dressed as Bairnsfather's famous trio, Bill, Alf and Bert.

THE CHILDREN'S



The British soldiers soon make friends with the children and make them forget the days of war.

THE GREETING—"JACK" ASHORE ONCE MORE.



Three sailors arrive home on leave. Their cheeriness is better than a tonic, and it was a happy family circle that evening.



Another group showing the three nurses.

The entertainment at which these nurses appeared was given at a large hospital in the Midlands. Their performance was greatly appreciated.

AUSTRALIAN



SOLDIER'S SACRIFICE.
Pie. S. Tozer, R.A.M.C., who voluntarily gave a pint and a half of his blood to save a dying comrade.



AWARDED M.M.—Rfm. Wharton, who has distinguished himself by several brave acts. Once he rescued his captain.



DOUBLE HONOURS.—Capt. A. N. Braithwaite, M.C., of Kirkstall, Leeds, now awarded the D.S.O. He joined as a private.



Master Wilson, months-old open.

THE NAVY STRIKES HINDENBURG.



A naval officer knocks a nail into Hindenburg at the novel fair at the Queen's Hall.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

SAILORS WHO MAKE SOLDIERS.



German sailors interned in U.S.A. making toy soldiers. They will make American soldiers, French soldiers and German soldiers—but not British!—so much do they love us.

OUND FRIENDS.



red villages on the western front, and quickly Boche.—(Canadian War Records.)

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GAVE HIS BLOOD.—Pte. Harry Jesson, R.A.M.C., of East Ham, who sacrificed two pints of his blood for his officer



A "DIE-HARDY."—Cpl. F. H. Mussett, Middlesex Regt., who has been awarded the M.M. and a commendatory card



TO THE RESCUE.—Mr. Herbert Clark, a munition worker, who saved two children who had fallen through the ice

LORD RHONDDA OPENS KITCHEN.



Lord Rhondda and Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., in his mayoral robes, serving customers at West Ham's sixth communal kitchen yesterday. The Food Controller, who performed the opening ceremony, said he was afraid compulsory rationing had got to come.

ADVENTURES



Miss Clare Murphy, who drove an ambulance through the Rumanian retreat, and who was at the Anglo-Russian Hospital in Petrograd during the revolution.

MILITARY WEDDING IN LONDON.



Lieutenant Leslie Burton, H.A.C., and his bride, Miss Margaret Kathleen Lidbury, leaving St. Luke's, Redcliffe-square, yesterday.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND'S DAUGHTER.



Princess Juliana (side face) enjoying herself on the ice with a little friend. She learnt to skate as quite a tiny girl.

A SCULPTOR-SOLDIER AT WORK.



Corporal Morris-Harding, R.E., a member of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, finishing a bust of Dr. C. B. Shapiro, house surgeon at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.

PM. VENIZELOS VISITS FLANDERS.



He is seen greatly interested in a captured German mortar and the shells used.—(Belgian official photograph.)

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THE NEW ZEALANDER AND THE RUINS.

MACAULAY'S famous, nonsensical passage about the New Zealander sketching the ruins of St. Paul's receives an unexpected illustration from this war.

We always understood that the great historian meant that grass was to grow in the streets of London, and birds to haunt the hill of King Lud; while civilisation swept to the antipodes. . . . And then the New Zealander was to turn up as tourist and view the ruins for a fixed fee.

Actually the New Zealander has turned up a little before his time, like Odysseus: and we are all proud of him.

It does not follow that he may not yet sketch a ruin or two before the war's end, however: ruins due to other causes than the passage of slow Time. But at present, oddly enough, certain very loud-voiced humanitarians and moralists are discussing not so much the ruins of St. Paul's as those of the New Zealander! Were he to come, in dim ages hence, as tourist, no doubt he would come sophisticated, suspicious, and well able to protect himself, with his sketch book and all. As it is, he comes, it appears, quite pathetically innocent and helpless. He is therefore immediately snapped up by things known as harpies. He disappears down a sort of moral trap door. And he gets extremely angry with the admirable Y.M.C.A., with London, with the British Empire, with the war and everything else: and he would go home disgusted, were we able to extract him from the gulf into which he falls. . . .

We are only repeating the complaint made by exaggerating and not very wise moralists. We have met one or two New Zealanders, many Australians, many Canadians, and though they complain occasionally—what free and self-respecting fighting man does not?—we have never heard them utter this wail that they are unprotected and a prey to footpads. For they would and do recognise, with the common sense that marks them, that modern cities in Australia or New Zealand for examples—"we name no names"—are not Cities of the Sun, Utopias, Shining Angelic Capitals: in all or any of them, we mean, you *could* come to harm were you so disposed. That is, the confidence trick is applied with vigour to the innocent there as elsewhere. And when a stranger asks you to lend him your wrist watch, while he goes around the corner to look at the time—well, if you give it him. . . .

The other part of the charge brought against us, not by our young New Zealander in person, but by his protectors, is that we are not hospitable to him.

There is necessarily and obviously more truth and sense in this part of it; because we were unprepared at the start for the receptive amenities; we are even now hard put to deal with them. It is our misfortune; and at times a certain isolation must be felt by our comrades who come from far off, by the very fact that they do come from so far. Perhaps not enough, too, has yet been done for the organisation of such hospitality. But a generous man—moralists rarely are so—will at least admit that these are times when the festive home, the open fireside, evening parties, dinners, entertainment are banished by law as well as by taste and instinct, from nearly all English homes but the foolish, the frivolous, the heartless. Here, then, is the dilemma. We hope the New Zealander understands.

It is for the Y.M.C.A. and kindred organisations to help us to express pleasantly all we feel for him since private hospitality is nearly dead. The Y.M.C.A. has done splendidly; and will do even better, if ungenerous critics help it, instead of abusing it behind its back.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Without economy none can be rich, and with it few can be poor.—Johnson.



Mrs. Harvey du Cros, jun., who has been driving a motor-ambulance in France.



Mrs. J. P. Wilson, whose husband, a commander, R.N., has the Order of the Crown of Belgium.

RATIONS AT LAST.

About the Released Russian "Ambassador"—First Sea Lord's Lucky Number.

The Daily Mirror was the first to call for compulsory rationing of essential foodstuffs, as readers of "W. M." will well remember. Lord Rhonda has succumbed to the facts which were pointed out to his predecessor in these columns. The Food Controller has now

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Lenin's Ambassador.—Yesterday I heard from a friend of his some account of M. Tchichérine, the Leninist Ambassador, who has just been let out from internment in Brixton Gaol. It appears that our visitor resents being called an "anarchist."

Preferred Poverty.—He is really a Marxist. He once held a job in the Russian Foreign Office, which he threw up when he became a social revolutionary. Coming to London, he devoted himself to work among the poorest Russian exiles.

His Parentage.—Tchichérine might have led a life of leisured ease instead, for his father, a wealthy man, held a high official position in Moscow.

His Lucky Number.—I hear Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss' lucky number is nine, and

To Be Wed.—Here you see, Lady Evelyn King, who is specially interesting now, because she is to be married shortly to Lieutenant Peel Graham, of the Life Guards. Lady Evelyn, who is just twenty-one, is the eldest of Lord Lovelace's three girls. The Earl, though well over military age, has served throughout the war, and gained the D.S.O. He used to be a captain in the 9th Lancers.

Crewe House.—I see that Lord Crewe is putting Crewe House, which cost him £90,000, at the disposal of the Government. It is one of the features of the diverse thoroughfare, Curzon-street, in which we find Earl Howe, Viscount Reading and other notables, as well as hairdressers and photographers.

A Coincidence.—By the way, Viscount Curzon also lives in Curzon-street, opposite his father, Earl Howe.

Beefeaters at a Wedding.—Beefeaters in Tudor scarlet lent a picturesque touch to a Tower wedding yesterday. And the bridegroom, Mr. Henry Widnell, was in modern khaki, by way of contrast.

The Bride.—Mrs. Maurice Clifford, the bride, is the daughter of General Phipps, the Deputy-Governor. He was too ill to give her away, so that duty devolved on Sir Archibald Edmondstone.

Cautious.—Mr. Lennox Pawle is a comedian with a sense of humour "off." When I met him yesterday he seriously told me that when he received a card from his new manager wishing him "a prosperous New Year" he took it to Somerset House and had it stamped!

Who They Are.—"Who's Who" continues to grow, as I noticed when they put the 1918 edition on my desk. Nobody has yet ousted Nabab Kuli Khan Abbas from his position as the first person in the book; but the last is now the Rev. Mr. Zwemer, and I fancy it will be a long time before anyone displaces him.

On the Screen.—The latest successful play to be filmed is "The Admirable Crichton." I am told that Mr. Basil Gill is in the title role.

Hobbies.—You did not know, perhaps, that one of Mr. George Robey's hobbies was stamp collecting. I now hear that he recently sold a fine collection of Greek stamps for £104, devoting the price to a war charity in which he is interested.

The Solid Man.—I was sorry to hear of the death of that fine Irish comedian, Mr. W. J. Ashcroft. He had not been seen on the London stage for years, but I remember my youthful delight in his singing of "Muldoon, the Solid Man."

Rejected Addresses.—A United States officer tells me that it is almost impossible to get the negro soldier to address his officers properly. The coloured warrior clings to the use of "Boss" always.

For the Defence.—Mr. Huntley Jenkins, who is defending Berthe Roche—committed on Wednesday with the man Voisin on a murder charge—is a young Australian, who has had a brilliant career in this country.



Mr. Huntley Jenkins.

To-day he has the largest criminal practice of any junior at the Bar.

THE RAMBLER.

THAT INEVITABLE COLD—RECRIMINATIONS.



We always get it. We get no sympathy from others about it. And, when those others catch it, they abuse us for giving it to them. Who will save us from colds?
—(By W. K. Haselden.)

announced positively that compulsory rationing will soon be with us.

My Own Trumpet.—I knew some time ago that the decision had been taken. On November 6 I told you straight out that we were to be compulsorily rationed, and on December 22 that it would be "early in the New Year." When your Rambler says a thing, it is so.

A Diplomat.—I found great speculation going on in the clubs over Sir Cecil Spring-Rice's sudden retirement from our Washington Embassy. Mr. Barclay, who is taking hold of things there, is a brother of Sir David Barclay, who did some fighting in Egypt and the Sudan.

North Sea Inquiry.—Mr. Barclay, whose uncommon first name is Colville, has been in the diplomatic service all his life. He was, I remember, secretary to the British Commissioners on that ticklish inquiry into the Dogger Bank affair in 1904.

that it is always conspicuous on the ships he commands. It was displayed even on the Ophir, which amused the present King and Queen when they were on it.

Princess "Pat" Resting.—Princess Patricia of Connaught is doing a good deal of painting during her well-earned rest at Bagshot Park, and hear she also cycles.

Tailored in London.—At one time M. Cailaux was considered the best-dressed man in Paris, but it was only here it was known that he had an English tailor.

Enthusiastic Dickensian.—Mr. Walter Crotch, well-known in the City, tells me that he is writing a book on Charles Dickens.

"Sir Bill."—Sir W. F. Jury, the cinema knight, lives in one of those big, roomy, old houses which remind us that Brixton was once quite a favourite retreat for wealthy merchants. I have noticed that among a large circle of friends he is generally known as "Bill."

Ladies only.—Florence Wood, 475, Oxford-st, W. 1.

LONDON'S NEW COMMUNAL KITCHEN: SEE PICTURES ON PAGE ONE.

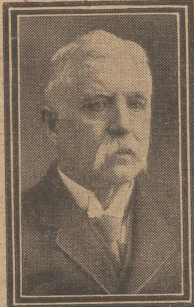
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A DEATH.



Lady Pound, widow of Sir John Pound, whose death is announced. Her husband was Lord Mayor of London in the year 1904-5. (Russell.)

RESIGNING.



Sir Edward Morris, for nearly ten years Prime Minister of Newfoundland, who has resigned. He has had a political career of great distinction. (Bassano.)

NURSES AND PATIENTS TRUSS HAY.



Wounded soldiers helping sister and nurse to truss hay, which during the summer they assisted to make and gather. The photograph was taken in the grounds of a convalescent home in Devonshire.



CHILD ACTRESS.—Mary McAllister, who will "star" in a new series of films entitled "Do Children Count?"



ROLL OF HONOUR.—Sub-Lieut. D. P. Christie, R.N., killed in action, was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harvey.

SUBMARINES FAIL TO STOP GRAIN IMPORTS.



An official photograph from the series entitled "With the British Navy in War Time," showing grain in a shed at the Liverpool Docks. Large quantities are arriving daily at the great Mersey seaport, despite the U-boats.

A WAR-TIME BANQUET AT THE GUILDHALL.



Gog and Magog looked down yesterday on a very different banquet from many they have seen, all the guests being in hospital blue. The Lord Mayor was present and is here seen addressing the men. (Daily Mirror photograph.)



CRICKETER M.C.—Captain F. H. Knott, Wiltshire Regiment, awarded M.C. A fine bat and field, he played for Kent and won his "blue" at Oxford.

GAIETY'S NEW MUSICAL PLAY.



Miss Maisie Gay as Josephine Bramble, Napoleon's wife, and Mr. Claude Cameron as Schamyl (from Baluchistan), in "The Beauty Spot." (Daily Mirror photograph.)



MENTIONED.—Sister A. Waterman, a member of the staff of the Alexandra Military Hospital, Cosham, Wiltshire.



A WAAC OFFICER.—Miss M. M. Stevenson, of the Wance, who is managing a draft hostel, formerly a large hotel, on the Leas at Folkestone.



GOING ABROAD.—Lt. Col. the Hon. A. V. F. Russell, relinquishing the post of Chief General Staff Officer (London District) for duties overseas.



CHARITY DANCE.—Lady Irene Curzon, who has organised a children's fancy dress ball to be given in London next week in aid of tuberculous cripples.